REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner

has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The Examiner objected to Claim 3 because

of informalities. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Please add new Claim 4 as set forth above. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the objection to Claim 3, the Examiner stated that "to the first RNC to the

second Node B" contains informalities. Claim 3 has been amended to address the informalities.

Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 3 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to the drawings and the rejections of Claims 1-3 under §112, first

paragraph, each of the above objections/rejections is based on the Examiner's assertion that the

"first Node B" and the "second Node B" are not shown in the drawings and described in the

specification. The claims have been amended to clarify this alleged inconsistency. No

amendment to the drawing is therefore required. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings and

the rejections of Claims 1-3 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1-3 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-4 are

believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone

conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the

Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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